

## **New Tiered Structure for Visa Application Fees – New Fee as of Oct. 1, 2010**

Effective June 4, 2010, the Department of State will begin implementing a tiered structure for nonimmigrant visa application processing fees, also called the Machine-Readable Visa (MRV) fee. All applications received on or after Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 must be accompanied by the new fee amount, regardless of the date the fee was paid. Applicants who have paid an incorrect amount will have to pay the differential at the consular cashier.

**The MRV fee is CHF 140 (US\$140) for the following visa categories – (see a detailed chart at the bottom of this webpage): B (including B1/B2), C, C1/D, D, F, I, J, and M.**

**The MRV fee is CHF 150 (US\$150) for the following visa categories (see a detailed chart at the bottom of this webpage): H, L\*, O, P, Q, and R.**

**\* An additional fee of 500 USD will be charged to the principal applicant for a Blanket L visa** and will be collected at the consulate during the interview. Payment for this supplemental fee is by cash or credit card only.

**The MRV fee is CHF 390 (US\$390) for E treaty trader/investor visas.**

**The MRV fee is CHF 350 (US\$350) for the K fiancée visa.**

### **Identifying Your Visa Category**

Applicants must take special care to identify the correct visa category before paying the MRV fee. Visa type is determined by the purpose of travel (e.g. tourism). If you are uncertain how to correctly identify your purpose of travel, visit the Visa Types page to establish which visa

category you should apply for, or consult the chart below which includes the description of each visa category. Each possible purpose of travel is associated with a letter called the “visa symbol,” such as “student (F).” When booking interview appointments through the Call Center, applicants should explain their purpose of travel and verify the appropriate visa category.

### Exchange Rate

The Embassy exchange rate is **1.00 USD for CHF 1.00 as of October 1, 2010**. This rate applies to all consular transactions, including payment of the MRV fee, any corresponding reciprocity fees and supplemental fees for Blanket L1 visas. All fees must be paid in CHF. Please do not use the daily market exchange rate or any other rate.

### Complete Visa Chart

| Visa Category Symbol | Description of Visa Class   | Fee    |
|----------------------|---|--------|
| A1 or A2             | Ambassador, Public Minister, Career Diplomat or Consular Officer, or Other Foreign Government Official or Employee and Immediate Family Members | N/A    |
| A3                   | Attendant, Servant, or Personal Employee of A1 or A2, or Immediate Family   | N/A    |
| B1                   | Temporary Visitor for Business  | CHF140 |
| B2                   | Temporary Visitor for Pleasure  | CHF140 |

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| B1/B2   | Temporary Visitor for Business & Pleasure  | CHF140 |
| C1      | Alien in Transit   | CHF140 |
| C1/D    | Combined Transit and Crewmember Visa   | CHF140 |
| C3      | Foreign Government Official, Immediate Family, Attendant, Servant or Personal Employee, in Transit   | N/A    |
| D       | Crewmember (Sea or Air)  | CHF140 |
| E1      | Treaty Trader, Spouse or Child   | CHF390 |
| E2      | Treaty Investor, Spouse or Child   | CHF390 |
| E3      | Australian Treaty Alien coming to the United States Solely to Perform Services in a Specialty Occupation   | CHF390 |
| F       | Student in an academic or language training program  | CHF140 |
| G1 – G5 | Representatives to an International Organization and Immediate Family Members  | N/A    |
| H1 – H4 | Alien in a Specialty Occupation, Nurse in Health Professional Shortage Area, Temporary Worker Performing Agricultural Services Unavailable in the U.S., Temporary Worker Performing Other Services | CHF150 |

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|           | Unavailable in the U.S. and the Spouse or Child *   |        |
| I         | Representative of Foreign Information Media, Spouse and Child   | CHF140 |
| J         | Exchange Visitor  | CHF140 |
| K         | Fiancé(e) of United States Citizen  | CHF350 |
| L         | Intracompany Transferee (Executive, Managerial, and Specialized Knowledge Personnel Continuing Employment with International Firm or Corporation) | CHF150 |
| M         | Vocational Student or Other Nonacademic Student   | CHF140 |
| NATO 1- 7 | NATO Permanent Staff, Representatives, Clerks, Civilians, Attendants and Servants and Immediate Family Members                                    | N/A    |
| O         | Alien with Extraordinary Ability in Sciences, Arts, Education, Business or Athletics  | CHF150 |
| P1        | Internationally Recognized Athlete or Member of Internationally Recognized Entertainment Group  | CHF150 |
| P2        | Artist or Entertainer in a Reciprocal Exchange Program  | CHF150 |

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| P3 | Artist or Entertainer in a Culturally Unique Program      | CHF150 |
| Q  | Participant in an International Cultural Exchange Program | CHF150 |
| R  | Alien in a Religious Occupation                           | CHF150 |
| TN | NAFTA Professional  | CHF140 |
| TD | Spouse or Child of NAFTA Professional                     | CHF140 |